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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Serial No.: 09/004,827)	Group Art Unit: 2771
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Filed: January 9, 1998)	Examiner: U. Le
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For: METHOD FOR NODE RANKING)	
IN A LINKED DATABASE)	

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of June 12, 2000, please amend this application as

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7, 9-15, 26, 27, and 29-33 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 18-25 and 28 as follows:

18.   (Twice amended) A computer implemented method of [ranking] scoring a

plurality of linked documents, comprising:

obtaining a plurality of [linked] documents, at least some of the documents being linked

documents and at least some of the documents being linking documents, each of the linked

documents being pointed to by a link in one or more of the linking documents;

[for each linked document pointed to by a link in one or more of the plurality of linked

documents,] assigning a [rank] score to each of the linked [document that is dependent]